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TAGS: ELAB EG
SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN-U.S. LABOR RELATIONS

REFS: (A) CAIRO 15044, (B) CAIRO 14750, (C) CAIRO 14591

1. DURING COURSE CONVERSATION REPORTED REF A, PRESIDENT
BANK AND INSURANCE WORKERS UNION DABOUR RAISED STATUS
AFL/CIO-EGYPTIAN FEDERATION OF LABOR RELATIONS. DABOUR
RECALLED CHAIKIN/LEE PROPOSAL FOR VISIT TO U.S. BY
EGYPTIAN LABOR LEADERS AND ASKED WHEN THIS LIKELY TAKE
PLACE.

2. DABOUR NOTED EGYPTIAN LABOR HAS REDUCED ITS TIES
WITH BLOC TO MINIMUM BUT HAS NOT BEEN ABLE DEMONSTRATE TO
MEMBERS ANY TANGIBLE BENEFITS DERIVING FROM OPENING TO
WEST. EFL AFFILIATES UNDER PRESSURE FROM BLOC UNIONS TO
ACCEPT INVITATIONS TO REAFFIRM TIES. HIS UNION, AT
LEAST, HAS RESISTED. DABOUR SAID HE RAISING SUBJECT NOT
AS THREAT BUT SIMPLY TO INDICATE NEED FOR HIM AND HIS
COLLEAGUES BE ABLE DEMONSTRATE THAT THEIR EFFORTS BEING
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RECIPROCATED.

3. SOME OF ABOVE LEAKED TO PRESS. JUNE 15 AKHBAR
REPORTED LRO'S MEETING WITH DABOUR, SAYING HE REQUESTED
STUDY ON MEANS OF CONSOLIDATING BILATERAL UNION RELATIONS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PER REFS B AND C, WOULD APPRECIATE

FULLEST READOUT ON CURRENT STATUS ALF/CIO AND DEPT. OF
LABOR THINKING ON RELATIONS WITH EFL. EILTS

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